

## Attractive Skirts for Summer



ON A SUMMER'S day nothing could be more refreshing and attractive to look at than the new separate skirts that are now on display in the shop in anticipation of warm weather. Separate skirts are particularly interesting to the home seamstress because it is easy to make them and the addition of needlework for decorating plain materials adds much to the price of ready-made garments. There are many crepe-de-chine and other crepe weaves in silks as well as rayon and other satins among the newest skirts and they are ornamented with fine tucks, cross-bar tucking, hemstitching, plaited bands, with a few entirely plain models among them. Casino crepe, canton crepe, crepe de chine and other silk crepes with new and inspiring names, together with heavy satins, are shown in both plain and plaited models. The skirt at the left of the two pictured must be imagined in a medium shade of gray satin, very lustrous and supple.

It is the new length which Paris sponsors, a reaction from very short skirts and much more graceful. Its only decoration is a pointed strap of the satin having a row of satin-covered buttons set on it. Light wool or heavy cotton fabrics, in cross-bar or striped patterns, are usually plaited. The skirt at the right of the two pictured is made of lightweight wool material with two double-box plaits for a front panel and deep side plaits for the sides and back. It is a cool-looking affair in gray and white with triangular pieces at each side of the front plaits, ornamented with pearl buttons and suggesting pockets. Few skirts make much of pockets this season, providing instead trimming in place of them or, at most, very small pockets, ingeniously made.

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## UNCOVER VAST 'LOST CITY' IN MEXICAN STATE

(By Associated Press)  
SAN JUAN DE TEOTIHUACAN, Mexico, March 21.—Prospecting for the habitations of a lost race in virtually the same manner as miners dig for gold, federal employees here have just started to uncover the remains of a city of at least 100,000 inhabitants which flourished 4000 or more years ago. Here and there over the confines of the buried city have been sunk shafts to find streets, houses and temples known to exist below the level of the mountain valley in which lies the little village of San Juan de Teotihuacan, the name of which means in the Aztec tongue, "City of the Gods."

The Mexican government has appropriated funds for this work of excavation which is in charge of Manuel Gamio, director of anthropology of the department of agriculture. The government hopes eventually to make the spot one of the show places of Mexico.

Dominating the area are the two pyramids, one to the sun and the other to the moon, which for centuries have defied the efforts of archaeologists and historians to trace their origin. The pyramid to the moon is still untouched, retaining an appearance to the lay eye of a huge mound of irregular shape overgrown with grass and rubbish.

Senior Gamio says the city now under excavation at one time covered an area of 15 square miles with a population of more than 100,000. Its builders are unknown to history but, Senior Gamio believes they were a portion of an Indian tribe which wandered into Mexico from the north and, finding the valley fruitful and the climate salubrious, decided to settle.

The presence of volcanic rock as one of the top strata covering the ruins indicates that one of the nearby mountains erupted and inundated the city with lava. Entry to the grounds is made facing the "Temple to the Goddess of the Winds," which was discovered less than a year ago, when erosion uncovered well defined walls and decorations typically Indian and Egyptian in their conception. This temple has now been dug out and reconstructed on the exterior. The inside is reached at present through a series of subterranean passages. Inside, the visitor treads over man-

sive stairs with ornate decorations of h. e. serpents with obsidian eyes and grotesque conceptions reminiscent of Egyptian art. The work of interior excavation and reconstruction is far from complete.

Between this temple and the pyramid to the sun is a stretch of one-quarter of a mile which is at intervals pierced by the shafts of the diggers and in some places by the uncovered remains of a house or public building with the paint still bright and the frescoes as intact as the day they were placed there several thousands of years ago.

Between the two pyramids is a well defined plaza on one side of which a street has been uncovered known as the "Path of the Dead." Flanking the plaza are hundreds of mounds which Senior Gamio assured the correspondent contained either houses or temples.

Immense stores of valuable archaeological material have been taken from the various excavations. Human bones, terra cotta heads, obsidian knives, arrowheads, children's toys of clay, cooking utensils, incense burners and crude musical instruments form the bulk of the find, and all are preserved in a museum which has just been erected on the grounds.

The two pyramids, however, are the dominant structures of the city. The pyramid to the sun measures 761x721 feet at the base and is 215 feet high, narrowing to a level summit. Unlike the pyramids of Egypt with their huge jutting blocks of stone forming an endless stairs to the top, the sun pyramid is built with a smooth surface in five distinct tiers. Ascent is made by steps built into the side and to the uninitiated the undertaking is most perilous because of the steep incline with no supporting balustrades. It differs from its Egyptian counterparts also in the respect that it contains no interior passages or rooms.

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Most notable of the services will be held on Mount Rubidoux, Riverside, where the first of the sunrise services was held at the suggestion of Jacob A. Riis, author and sociologist, of New York, on Easter Sunday, 1908. Mr. Riis participated in the first of the Mount Rubidoux services, which now attract tourists from all over the country. Last year more than 40,000 gathered around the cross-surmounted peak while the services were held. Opera singers will lead and eminent divines will conduct the services.

Similar services will be held in practically every town of importance in the southland. One of the most picturesque of the gatherings will be at Inspiration Point, Mount Lowe, near Pasadena, where a service will be held a mile above sea-level. As a contrast, another will be held at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, at the water's edge, 25 miles from the mainland.

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